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For: **DEVICE AND OPTICAL ELEMENT FOR AIMING AND THE VISUAL INDICATION OF A READING AREA OF A CODED INFORMATION READER**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claims 4 and 7, line 1 of each, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert -- claim 1 --.

Claims 9 and 10, line 1 of each, delete "or 8".

Claim 11, line 1, delete "anyone of claims 1 to 3" and insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 12, line 1, delete "claim 4 when dependent on".

Claim 14, line 1, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 20, line 3, delete "any one of claims 1 to 18" and insert -- claim 1 --.